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The *Colmart*, or *Poire Manne*, as it is called by LA QUINTINYE, and other French authors, appears to have been highly esteemed during the last century; and its vigorous and fertile habit, as well as the excellent quality of its fruit, entitle it to commendation at the present period. It is described and figured by DU HAMEL; also by KNOOP, in his *Pomologie*; and by KRAFT, in the *Pomona Austriaca*.

The *Auch Pear*, (*Poire d'Auch**), which is said to have been introduced to our gardens by his Grace the DUKE of NORTHUMBERLAND, if it be not the *Colmart*, so closely resembles it, that it is not easy for the most skilful observer to distinguish them either by the wood, leaves, blossoms, or external characters of fruit. The *Auch Pear*, however, ripens later, and is preferable to the *Colmart*. We hope, in a future Number, to be enabled, by the assistance of our kind friends, to present a more satisfactory account of this fruit to the public.

The trees are of tolerably free growth, their shoots pretty strong, of

* This name does not occur in the works of any French author with whom we are acquainted, except in DU HAMEL, who mentions it as an appellation sometimes given to the *Bon Chretien d'Hyver*.